

**PARISH OF RED RIVER,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of Red River is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	12,113	2,683,516
1960	9,978	3,257,022
1970	9,226	3,644,637
1980	10,433	4,205,900
1990	9,387	4,219,973
1991	9,385	4,251,560
1992	9,563	4,287,195
1993	9,579	4,295,477
1994	9,577	4,315,085
1995	9,594	4,339,352
1996	9,766	4,350,579
1997	9,873	4,351,769
1998	9,877	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of Red River are as follows:

YEAR	COUSHATTA	EDGEFIELD	HALL SUMMIT	MARTIN
1960	1,663			
1970	1,492	201	190	
1980	2,084	312	276	584
1990	1,845	207	227	545
1991	1,854	203	221	545
1992	1,860	203	232	545
1993	1,926	215	231	545
1994	1,910	217	247	545
1995	1,910	223	247	545
1996	1,920	219	247	545
1997	1,907	216	247	545
1998	1,905	218	246	545

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$11,352	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$11,735	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$12,936	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$14,315	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$14,824	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$15,302	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$15,843	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$16,069	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Red River Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$40,307	\$8,781	\$1,701	\$3,295	\$291	\$7,504
1992	\$40,277	\$8,067	\$1,875	\$3,999	\$360	\$7,211
1993	\$40,215	\$7,077	\$1,913	\$4,203	\$345	\$7,881
1994	\$39,366	\$11,742	\$2,077	\$3,232	\$476	\$13,018
1995	\$48,289	\$12,520	\$3,835	\$3,435	\$606	\$17,441
1996	\$50,207	\$12,316	\$4,287	\$3,699	\$642	\$18,087
1997	\$50,254	\$12,733	\$3,912	\$3,711	\$667	\$17,850

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Red River as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
RED RIVER PARISH	4		4	4	8
COUSHATTA	4	1	5	4	9
HALL SUMMIT	4	1	5	4	9

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$4,028	\$4,526	\$4,069	\$5,120	\$4,855
February	\$3,614	\$5,534	\$3,508	\$3,387	\$4,671
March	\$5,835	\$6,032	\$4,702	\$3,646	\$4,246
April	\$6,027	\$4,072	\$3,978	\$4,554	\$5,535
May	\$4,802	\$3,668	\$4,294	\$2,716	\$4,942
June	\$4,951	\$5,596	\$5,124	\$5,231	\$4,447
July	\$3,194	\$3,732	\$4,158	\$4,647	\$5,283
August	\$3,614	\$4,424	\$4,667	\$4,199	\$4,921
September	\$3,794	\$5,850	\$4,189	\$4,828	\$4,447
October	\$3,582	\$3,810	\$3,560	\$6,311	\$5,085
November	\$3,508	\$3,428	\$3,283	\$3,925	\$4,286
December	\$5,270	\$5,667	\$5,120	\$4,707	\$3,441
Annual Total	\$52,218	\$56,340	\$50,651	\$53,271	\$56,160

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Red River is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$22,431,690	\$8,023,050	\$30,454,740
1991	\$23,940,360	\$7,819,320	\$31,759,680
1992	\$24,364,860	\$7,483,730	\$31,848,590
1993	\$25,051,950	\$7,467,730	\$32,519,680
1994	\$25,645,800	\$7,588,330	\$33,234,130
1995	\$25,628,730	\$7,807,750	\$33,436,480
1996	\$26,526,580	\$8,090,100	\$34,616,680
1997	\$25,390,230	\$8,186,750	\$33,576,980
1998	\$25,765,920	\$8,399,860	\$34,165,780

Source: Red River Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$15,978,620	\$6,595,960	\$7,880,160
1991	\$15,927,410	\$7,291,990	\$8,540,280
1992	\$15,779,960	\$7,191,820	\$8,876,810
1993	\$15,891,980	\$7,191,000	\$9,436,700
1994	\$16,146,030	\$7,790,280	\$9,297,820
1995	\$16,422,750	\$7,604,980	\$9,408,750
1996	\$17,410,450	\$7,744,500	\$9,461,730
1997	\$17,607,960	\$6,913,620	\$9,055,700
1998	\$17,785,310	\$7,288,370	\$9,092,100

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Red River follows:

Year	Millage
1990	59.42
1991	59.42
1992	58.75
1993	56.20
1994	71.20
1995	71.20
1996	66.25
1997	74.60
1998	116.42

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Red River Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Red River in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. CENTRAL LOUISIANA ELECTRIC CO INC	\$2,357,460
2. HOOD INDUSTRIES, INC.	\$2,125,730
3. TEXAS EASTERN PRO.PIPELINE CO.	\$932,210
4. UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM	\$834,750
5. KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RR CO.	\$756,920
6. BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$712,010
7. RED RIVER MINING CO.	\$694,740
8. BANK OF COUSHATTA	\$622,040
9. ALMOND BROS. LUMBER & SUPPLY	\$621,950
10. IP TMBLANDS OPERATING CO., LTD.	\$538,550

Source: Red River Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Red River Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	1,901	1,767	2,006	1,961
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	2,003	1,838	2,121	2,054
PUBLIC	2,074	2,076	2,142	2,105

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Red River Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$21,683	\$21,960	\$21,352	\$25,438
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,585	\$4,586	\$5,207	\$5,219
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$144,053	\$12,670	\$145,803	\$439,976
DEBT SERVICE	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$9,184,548	\$9,121,637	\$10,031,376	\$10,590,196

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.